

good many people who will misunderstand the author's dogmatic statements; he writes the book as he talks to a subject, stating tersely a good many things as truths which may or may not be so—somewhat in accordance with your willingness to accept them. One gets a totally incorrect idea of the whole subject of psychic treatments, since after all the title is extremely misleading. The author deals chiefly with the hypnotic method, and, while one cannot doubt the value of hypnotism, its general use as advocated by the author and its wide applicability in his hands are certainly very questionable procedures. It is regarded as an accepted fact that hypnotism should not be used except by medical men who are advanced students of psychology, and as a rule, only when the more refined methods fail.

To a person who has studied the views of Forel, Bernheim, Dubois, Freud, Janet and others, it is inconceivable that this book can be regarded as anything but a dangerous thing to put into the hands of the laity, for whom it seems to have been written at least in part—or the unskilled practitioner for whom the author advocates hypnotism as a sort of dragnet, to catch and cure what the physician fails to reach by other means.

The well-established principles of suggestion direct and indirect, and of simple explanation and re-education evidently are not thought worthy of consideration by the author. P. K. B.

**The International Medical Annual.** E. B. Treat & Co., New York.

The busy practitioner will probably continue to welcome works of this character. The present volume of 651 pages contains, in addition to the usual incoherent mass of sketchy notes, some very good dissertations by reliable authorities. The chapters on therapeutic progress (Charteris), surgery of the brain, fractures (Lucas-Chamtionnierre), gall bladder surgery (Deaver & Ashhurst), and nasal accessory sinuses are particularly commendable.

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**Surgical Diagnosis.** By Alexander B. Johnson, M. D.; in three volumes. D. Appleton & Co. 1909.

That three large volumes of 800 pages each should be necessary for an orderly presentation of surgical diagnosis seems at first blush to be out of the question, and a painstaking consideration of the first two volumes emphasizes this view. The work might easily be condensed to half its size, if anatomical, pathological and therapeutic matters were eliminated. As a matter of fact if more were to be said by the author on treatment, the title should be changed to "General Surgery." Full credit should be given to Dr. Johnson for his arduous task in writing this book, and but few exceptions can be taken to the accuracy of the subject-matter, which in general is in accord with the best modern surgical teaching, but the title is misleading.

The author has succeeded remarkably well in avoiding repetitions, but the numerous references to other chapters are annoying when one is endeavoring to get together all the diagnostic features of any particular surgical condition. Were the references given by volume and page much time could be saved.

The proportions of subject-matter and importance have been well preserved in the first volume, but in the second volume there is a sad lack of balance. For instance, 400 pages are devoted to the urinary organs, whereas only 40 pages are given to the injuries and diseases of the skull and the brain, while

280 pages suffice to cover abdominal conditions. There is one entire chapter of nearly 40 pages relating to congenital anomalies of the kidney and ureter which could well be omitted in a book of this character, as could also the history of the cystoscope and many minutiae of its construction.

It is hard to understand why the subject of delirium tremens should be put in the chapter on Diseases of the Soft Parts, the other articles in the same chapter being gangrene, burns, iodoform poisoning and orthoform dermatitis.

There is no mention made of blastomycosis or coccidioides, although Madura foot is discussed. In view of the fact that the two former diseases are apt to be mistaken for other conditions, particularly tuberculosis, they should be included in any systematic work on surgical diagnosis.

The consideration of goiter is brief but quite satisfactory—the only omission noted was the blood findings in the exophthalmic form. It would seem, however, that some attention should have been paid to the pathology of goiter, in view of the large amount of space devoted to the pathology of many other conditions of equal or less importance.

The chapter on surgical tuberculosis is very well planned and written, as is also that on the breast.

The differential diagnosis of fracture of the skull is too brief to be of much value—no mention is there made of spinal puncture as a diagnostic measure.

The work is attractively printed and the illustrations are for the most part entirely new. Dr. Johnson is a pleasing writer and is in every way qualified to write an authoritative treatise on surgery. He states in his preface that the volumes under consideration are especially intended for the general practitioner, but they should also be of value to the surgeon.

The third volume is to be devoted to the spine, cord, pelvis and the extremities.

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Pickett, J. C., San Francisco.  
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Booth, Jas. P., Los Angeles.  
Donnell, T. C., Long Beach.  
Cerf, A. E., San Francisco.  
Harris, June B., Sacramento.  
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#### Deaths.

Thomas, Edw. W., San Francisco.  
Kahn, Samuel S., of San Francisco, died in Coronado, Cal.  
Hallowell, Rebecca C., Los Angeles.  
Grove, Edward, San Diego.  
Booth, Jas. P., Los Angeles.  
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